GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:643
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2001
REPLACEMENT OF RAILWAY BRIDGES
ALE NARENDRA;ARUN KUMAR;BABUBHAI KHIMABHAI KATARA;CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH;CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA;GORDHANBHAI JAVIA;K. MURALEEDHARAN;MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert committee had recommended 12 years back that railway bridges at Kadalundi in Kerala is in danger and require major repairs;

(b) if so, the reasons for not adhering the recommendations of the expert committee;

(c) whether the Khanna Committee had also recommeded that about 262 bridges are in distress condition and these bridges be abondoned;

(d) if so, the reasons for using these bridges in violation of the said committee report;

(e) whether any enquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard;

(f) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken against those responsible for such lapses;

(g) the number of railway bridges and culverts in the country which have been declared dangerous by the experts in various zones, Division-wise; and

(h) the steps taken by the Government to repair/reconstruct these bridges alongwith the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No,Sir. While the Khanna Committee report mentioned 262 distressed bridges as on 1.4.1999, they recommended for their check and rehabilitation in a time span of 5 years.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

(g) No bridge/culvert has been declared dangerous by any expert committee in any zonal railway.

(h) Does not arise.